

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of molding a polarizing film comprising the steps of:

applying a colored polarizing film to a molding face of a mold;

allowing the polarizing film to be sucked onto the molding face by vacuum suction to mold a colored concave and convex polarizing film;

setting a tensile of the polarizing film in a certain direction to be ~~smaller~~less than a tension of the polarizing film in a direction perpendicular to the certain direction;

~~allowing a stretch of~~stretching the polarizing film at a position on a line of the diameter of the mold in parallel with the certain direction ~~to be smaller~~less than ~~a stretch thereof~~stretching at other positions, ~~to~~ thereby ~~allowing~~allow the color of the polarizing film at the position, where the ~~stretch~~stretching of the polarizing film is ~~small~~, partially deep, so that the deep colored portion of the polarizing film ~~forms~~less to be deeper and form a reference mark in a polarizing direction.

2. (Original) An apparatus for molding a polarizing film comprising:

a molding box which is opened at an upper face for subjecting a polarizing film to a vacuum suction to mold a concave and convex polarizing film;

a closing valve attached to a suction port communicating with an inner space of the molding box;

a vacuum source connected to the closing valve; pressing

means provided at an opening edge of the molding box; and

a mold having a concave spherical molding face and installed in the molding box for molding the polarizing film.

3. (Original) An apparatus for molding a polarizing film comprising:

a molding box which is opened at an upper face for subjecting a polarizing film to a vacuum suction to mold a concave and convex polarizing film;

a closing valve attached to a suction port communicating with an inner space of the molding box;

a vacuum source connected to the closing valve; pressing means provided at an opening edge of the molding box;

a bed plate accommodated in the molding box in a state where it can be taken out therefrom; and

a mold having a molding face and placed on the bed plate for molding the polarizing film.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for molding a polarizing film according to Claim 3, wherein the suction port has a blocking prevention function.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for molding a polarizing film according to Claim 3, wherein the mold is made up of glass, and is placed in the molding box in a state to be replaceable with another mold.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for molding a polarizing film according to Claim 2, wherein the suction port has a blocking prevention function.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for molding a polarizing film according to Claim 2, wherein the mold is made up of glass, and is placed in the molding box in a state to be replaceable with another mold.